

National League Race Begins In Earnest For Reds

CINCY AND GIANT TEAMS MEET TO BATTLE FOR FIRST PLACE

National League Pennant Race Is Expected To Be Decided by Results of Three Successive Doubleheaders to Be Played; Reds Have Edge on the Giants in Not Encountering a Slump During the Schedule.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The most important series of the national league pennant race thus far this season began here today when Cincinnati, leading New York by 4½ games, met the Giants in the first of three successive doubleheaders. The two teams have alternated in the lead almost from the start of the season, when Brooklyn set the pace for a short time.

None Seen Lucky.
Moran's men, who have not encountered a losing streak, have been more successful than their eastern rivals during the past few weeks, gradually widening the gap between first and second places. To wipe out the reds' lead, McGraw's men must win five of the six contests while a severe setback would be difficult to overcome in the remaining 16 games of the season.

The Reds and Giants have broken even in 12 games, in which the latter outscored their opponents 42 runs to 35. Neither team has won more than one out of three with New York. The Reds, who have won three, while the Giants have won one, and Philadelphia a defeat. Barnes, of the Giants, who won his tenth straight game yesterday, took two out of three from Cincinnati. Hendrix was successful three times in five games and Tony must defeat in his contest.

Reds Won Last.
The recent series between the two teams in Cincinnati widened the break as the Reds fighting on their home grounds took two out of three from their eastern rivals. Barnes won the final game, the series being abrupt after New York had dropped the first two and it is on the work of this pitcher that McGraw will pin his hopes of a win. In fact, Barnes and Schupp have done effective work and as southpaws have been

the mainstay of the Giant staff so far this season it is probable that they will be sent in for successive games by the New York leader.

Eller in Good Form.
Eller, the Cincinnati twirler, who has done such splendid work this season has gained a tremendous following and there is little doubt but that he will start the series.

Cincinnati that is intended to see the big fellow and Heather the Giants at every opportunity and as the present series is the one that counts the fans can look for both teams to put forth their best efforts. Saline now with the Reds can be depended upon to pitch one or two games of the series.

The series is attracting a great deal of attention and the big game was packed at the Polo grounds when time was called for the game. The race so far has been the most sensational staged in the National League in years as the wonderful sport of the Cincinnati team in coming from behind when it seemed that the Giants had a commanding lead, has placed this club high in the estimation of the fans. Again the fact that Cincinnati has never won a pennant in the National League is causing much sympathy among the fans and even on the Polo grounds the western team has nearly as great a following.

Will Help the Game.
Many prominent followers of the national pastime have predicted that if Cincinnati wins the pennant it will mean a great uplift to the game in the west which will be manifest in bigger gate receipts for those managers who have gone down and suffered a loss of interest in the game.

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Paddy Murphy, Bantam Mitt Slinger, Wants To Come Here

EL PASO is attracting a great deal of attention as a place where there are numerous boxers who desire to visit the city and display their talent before local fans in the Fifth arena or the Auditorium during the warm months. Earl Moran, out in Tucson, is anxious to bring young Lincoln here for a match with Gundy while a letter was received by The Herald sporting editor Tuesday from Paddy Murphy, a fast 110 pounder of Denver, who desires to get on in this city. Murphy is a former sparring partner of Walt Walters, well known here and to his letter he asks of business conditions so that he could go to work in the event he came to the city and could not be put on right away.

Met Fast Boys.
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Bobby Burns Says He Won Second Bout With Lincoln

BOXING instructor Bobby Burns of the southern department, who is now in Arizona, believes that he defeated Young Lincoln at Nogales, Ariz., several weeks ago and in a letter to The Herald sporting editor he stated that his views of the matter he published. Burns lost a ten round decision to Lincoln at Bisbee on July 4 and was later defeated at Nogales in a battle of equal duration. He subsequently turned down an offer to his Lincoln again although he previously stated that he could beat him in order to keep the team in the league.

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Age Limit Should Be Fixed For Boxers, Says Old Timer

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 12.—Professor Reddy Gallagher, keen judge of boxers and one of the first to predict that Jack Dempsey would win from Jess Willard, believes that they ought to place an age limit on all fighters. Gallagher's contention is not for the boxers' benefit, as he believes they must all expect all they receive when they enter the arena with a young, vigorous opponent, but rather for the protection of the public and the uplift of the game.

Veterans Keep Out.
No boxer should be allowed to defend or fight for a title after he has passed 35 years of age. "When a man reaches the age of 35 his active boxing days are over. This is especially true when a man has done as little fighting as Willard has since he took the title away from Jack Johnson. The former champion should not have been permitted to enter the ring and fight a tough, slugging bird like Jack Dempsey."

Gallagher goes further and says this should become the national mission and the army and navy board, and if they put their approval on it, promoters in various states operating without a boxing commission wouldn't dare to violate such a ruling. Willard misled the public on his condition. The fans were led to believe that his enormous size would set off his age and inactivity. Gallagher thinks that after a man reaches 35 he has passed the zenith of his career, and it will cover any exceptional case along this line. The thousands of dollars that were wasted by Willard backers should at least have had a fair show.

Was a Good One.
"When I was fighting," says Gallagher—and Reddy ranked with the best in the fraternity—"a man was supposed to be on the down-hill grade, slipping fast, when he passed 35."

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